

**Trinity Community Church
December 11, 2006 Council Minutes**

President Bill Sikute called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Jim Davis shared a devotion.

Council Members present: Jim Davis, Ed Ferris, Michelle Franklin, Clay Gerberick, Nathalie Gerberick, Bob Gillespie, Carol Kaesemeyer, Jim Kiefer, Barb Misner, Allison Moore, Joyce Morell, Randy Murphy
Committee Members Present: Diane Forster, Bob Koch

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected. The word role was changed to roll. The wording in the Elders report was changed to read the membership committee should contact members when they are absent for a long period of time. The sauerkraut dinner served 135.

The minutes of the special congregational meeting on December 6 were approved.

The agenda was changed to allow Bob Koch to give his report for Endowment

Endowment: Bob Koch- written report submitted

- Through October 31,2006 the total value of assets is \$ 118,704.14
- Total current year income is \$ 4,129.42
- Income balance is \$6,732.54
- Scholarship Value is \$5,969.90
- Parsonage net value of assets is \$80,303.69
- If Anita Glass is elected, she will need to be replaced on the endowment committee

Financial Secretary: Bob Gillespie- written report submitted

- Total funds year to date are 281,943.13
- The average weekly attendance is 144
- Attendance is down by 62 over last year

Treasurer: Barb Misner-written report submitted

- As written
- Spent more than was taken in

Pastor: Randy Murphy-written report submitted

- Members participating in the Luminaria were new members

Elders: Ed Ferris- no written report

- Elders did not meet
- Due to the way the holidays fall this year the Elders would like to change some normal meeting times

Ed Ferris moved that Music and Worship meet January 8, 2007, that Council meet January 15, 2007 and the Annual Congregational Meeting be held January 28,2007.

Bob Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Deacons: Carol Kaesemeyer- no written report

- Envelopes are here and will be available for members to pick up on Sunday.
- Envelope numbers will need to be reassigned since less envelopes were ordered
- Bob Gillespie will change the reassigned numbers in the computer

Trustees: Jim Davis- no written report

- The organ was tuned on December 8, 2006
- The sewer line that was clogged has been fixed
- Two faucets were fixed
- Coffee spills were noticed yesterday after the second service. A clean up person is needed for second service. Carol Kaesemeyer will take care of finding someone. Jim feels that the coffee hour for second service should also be in Fellowship Hall. Bill asked for a motion.

Jim Davis moved that coffee hour be in Fellowship Hall for both services

Ed Ferris seconded. Motion passed

- Kevin will be reminded to put away the hearing devices
- Groups that are renting the choir room on Saturdays have been smoking and putting cigarettes out in coffee cups which creates an unpleasant odor in the trash. Jim will talk to the group leaders and

remind the groups that the church is a non-smoking facility. Non-smoking signs will be put up in the rooms.

Board of Christian Education: Nathalie Gerberick- written report submitted

- More high chairs are needed
- Bill asked why there was no youth report. Youth Director has not been attending the meetings. Since the Youth Director is a paid employee, Bill asked Nathalie if the Elders should become involved. Nathalie did not feel the Elders needed to help yet. The youth of the church really like Brian. Randy said he would talk to Brian and suggest to Brian that his position become a volunteer position instead of a paid position since he is not able to come to staff meetings and board meetings. The council felt that Brian should be held accountable even if he continues as a volunteer or paid employee.

Women's Guild: Diane Forster- no written report

- The Cookie Walk fund-raiser netted over \$1500.00
- The Blanket Appeal raised \$1120.00
- Continue to need help with Kids Kafe at Washington UCC
- Each Circle has a Christmas project
- The Lifeline Screening will be here December 18
- The Lunch Bunch will eat at Parkers on December 19
- 328 pieces of clothing were put under the tree for Washington UCC
- 5 complete boxes of food were collected for Washington UCC
- Prayer Vigil will be in February

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benevolence: Jim Kiefer-written report submitted

- The revised report is the correct report
- The Open Door Cincinnati has been removed from our list of benevolences. Our church secretary recommended that the benevolence committee not support this mission any longer.
Ed Ferris moved that we not pay the \$72.65 balance to Open Door Cincinnati
Michelle Franklin seconded.
Discussion
Clay Gerberick felt the council could not over-ride what the congregation voted on. Jim Kiefer felt the same way.

Bill Sikute felt it was the council's obligation to watch funds when we have information about an organization that is not acting appropriately.

Randy Murphy suggested the money be used to help start Trinity's new mission Trinity Together Time.

Nathalie Gerberick moved to amend the motion to divert the money to Trinity Together Time. Joyce Morell seconded.

The first motion passed with two opposing votes.

The second motion passed with two opposing votes.

Membership: written report submitted

- As written

Worship and Music: Clay Gerberick- written report submitted

- Question came up about how the sound tech is paid. He is paid per service and not for rehearsals.
- The Morioka's would like to donate a Wurlitzer organ to the church. The committee felt that the church did not need an organ now and will ask the Morioka's if they would like to donate the organ to Eolia.

Stewardship: Allison Moore- written report submitted

- Envelopes will be ready for Sunday
- Bob Gillespie prepared a report. 67 members have turned in pledge cards

Constitution: Michelle Franklin – no written report submitted

- The committee is rewriting the constitution and they are three-fourths of the way finished. It will be presented to the ECC first to make sure it is acceptable.
- Joyce Morell suggested that the constitution be presented to the congregation in a special meeting and not be part of the agenda of the annual meeting. This will give members a chance to understand and ask questions. Council agreed.

Nominating: Bob Gillespie-written report submitted

- The slate of candidates was presented in the report. There are four people running for the two Elder positions. Gloria Gillespie was moved from Deacon to Elder. There is still one more vacancy to fill for Deacon.
- There was a question about whether Rhonda Raab could serve on both Board of Christian Ed and Trustees. Bob will discuss with Rhonda.
- There was a question about whether a paid employee can serve. Currently there is nothing in writing saying that a paid employee who is a member cannot serve.
- All the candidates who have agreed to serve are being told their position may be changed after we officially become part of the ECC in June. They may need to be re-elected.

Legal: Jim Kiefer-no written report

- Jim asked if he should begin making the legal changes. Council decided to hold off until June

Unfinished Business:

- NONE

New Business

- The proposed budget for 2007 was distributed. Council is to look it over and send any questions to Bill so it can be voted on at the January meeting.
- The budget does not include any salary increases except for choir director because she will be reviewed after she completes her first three months which was in her contract
- Jim Kiefer said we need to market the church
- Need a new sign
- Michelle Franklin said council should be directing the church with a plan and not just fixing things as they come along.
- Clay Gerberick felt the budget should be based on 6 months because things will change once we are ECC. Council felt budget could still be for the year.
- Bob Gillespie said the spaghetti dinner would be February 10. Kaesemeyers are chairing the dinner.

Meeting Adjourned. Randy led us in prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Morell
Secretary